

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CANBER 01014 171839Z

44

ACTION EA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-03 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00

DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 USIA-06 PRS-01 /051 W

----- 073398

R 140128Z FEB 75

FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5061

INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CANBERRA 1014

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AS, RP

SUBJECT: VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY FORMER PHILIPPINE SENATOR  
MANGLAPUS

1. FORMER PHILIPPINE SENATOR RAUL MANGLAPUS IS CURRENTLY VISITING AUSTRALIA, WHERE HE IS PRESENTING SERIES OF LECTURES HIGHLY CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT MARCOS. LECTURE GIVEN IN CANBERRA FEB 13 PROBABLY GOOD SAMPLE, WITH MAIN POINTS AS FOLLOWS:

1) MARCOS IS DICTATOR AND USURPER WHO WILL FALL IN NEXT FEW YEARS BECAUSE OF INSTABILITY HE HAS BROUGHT.

2) THERE IS INCREASING OPPOSITION TO MARCOS FROM CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND RECENT MANIFEST CALLING FOR BOYCOTT OF PROJECTED REFERENDUM WAS SIGNED BY RELIGIOUS LEADERS, WHO STATED IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE HONEST REFERENDUM UNDER MATRIAL LAW.

3) RETURN TO DEMOCRACY AFTER MARCOS WILL BE RELATIVELY BLOODLESS, AS RECENT CHANGES IN THAILAND, PORTUGAL, AND GREECE HAVE SHOWN.

4) MANGLAPUS SAID, QTE ARMY SUPPORTS MARCOS BUT IN A CONFUSED SITUATION. THEY ARE SWORN TO UPHOLD THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CANBER 01014 171839Z

CONSTITUTION BUT WHICH ONE? THE ONE WHICH SAYS MARCOS

SHOULD CEASE TO BE PRESIDENT ON DECEMBER 30 OR THE ONE HE HAS IMPOSED SINCE? END QTE. ARMY MIGHT WELL ASSIST IN MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE MERELY BY STANDING BY AND ALLOWING DEMOCRACY TO BE RESTORED.

2. AUSTRALIAN DFA TELLS US THE MANGLAPUS SAW PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM, FOREIGN MINISTER WILLESEE, AND SECRETARY OF DFA, ALAN RENOUF. HOWEVER, NO DFA NOTE TAKERS PRESENT, AND WORKING LEVEL OF DFA DOES NOT KNOW WHAT SUBSTANCE, IF ANY, DISCUSSED. WILLESEE HAD AGREED TO SEE MANGLAPUS ONLY IN WILLESEE'S PRIVATE CAPACITY. DFA HAS PROMISED US RUNDOWN ON MANGLAPUS MEETINGS WHEN IT CATCHES UP WITH PRINCIPAL OFFICERS WHO ACTUALLY MET HIM.

3. EMBOFF DISCUSSED MANGLAPUS VISIT BRIEFLY WITH GOP EMB COUNSELLOR, MARCELINO LILAGEAN, FEB 13. LILAGAN WAS RELAXED ABOUT VISIT, RECALLING HIS OWN ASSOCIATION WITH MANGLAPUS, WHEN FORMER SENATOR WAS UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. LILAGAN COMMENTED THAT MANGLAPUS IS TOO MUCH OF AN IDEALIST AND DEMANDS MORE FROM POLITICAL SYSTEM IN PHILIPPINES THAN IT CAN PROVIDE.

HARROP

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PERSONAL OPINION, SPEECHES, POLITICAL SITUATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 14 FEB 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975CANBER01014  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750057-0036  
**From:** CANBERRA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750243/aaaabmfd.tel  
**Line Count:** 83  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 02 JUL 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <02 JUL 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <03 JUL 2003 by GolinoFR>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY FORMER PHILIPPINE SENATOR MANGLAPUS  
**TAGS:** PFOR, PINT, OTRA, AS, RP, (MANGLAPUS, RAUL), (MARCOS, FERDINAND)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006